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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #11



Dear partners

This is the eleventh edition of our regular briefings to keep you updated on the NHS response to Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Derby and Derbyshire.

On Monday, the UK recorded 55 coronavirus deaths, the lowest daily rise since lockdown began. As we know there tend to be fewer deaths reported on Mondays due to a weekend reporting lag, but still this news is encouraging and in line with what is happening locally. On Wednesday, the figure for the average daily deaths from COVID-19 was confirmed at 200 by the Patrick Vallance, the Chief Scientific Advisor.

There is a uniform decline in COVID demand since the peak in early April and we are seeing COVID related staff absences reduce. The number of beds occupied for non-COVID related conditions is increasing and the changes we are seeing in relation to where patients are being discharged to indicate that we are transitioning to a 'different' operational state.

Our Governing Body considered the local data at their meeting last Thursday and agreed that from Monday 8 June the CCG could de-escalate from Business Continuity Escalation Level 4 to Level 3 to enable acceleration of the restoration and recovery work programme and oversight through our committees. More information on this change is provided in the 'update for Derby and Derbyshire' section below.

Work continues locally to address some of the barriers and concerns that are preventing people from

seeking help for conditions and this has potentially serious consequences for their health and they may even be risking their lives. Ensuring A&E is available for those that need it is a key part of restoring services. During the pandemic, local people have used A&E more wisely than ever before and this is something we hope will continue. A&E is a specialist service, which we must protect for life and death situations.

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire is doing to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them please [click here](#).

With best wishes and stay safe.

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National update

National advice – stay alert to stay safe

The national advice continues to be [stay alert, control the virus, save lives](#).

Lockdown

At the Downing Street briefing on Wednesday (10 June), the Prime Minister provided a review against the five tests set by Government to inform the steps to reduce lockdown measures. Based on the results of the review, the Prime Minister outlined plans to lift some of the lockdown restrictions in England.

Zoos, safari parks and other outdoor attractions will be allowed to reopen from 15 June. This will see them join non-essential retailers being allowed to resume operations on Monday, if they comply with COVID secure guidelines. It is important to note that some non-essential businesses, such as pubs (including beer gardens), bars, restaurants and hairdressers will have to wait until at least 4 July as the risk of transmission is deemed to be higher.

Groups of six have been able to gather since last Monday provided they were socially distanced and outdoors. From this weekend, rules will allow single house adults (including single parents with young children) to form a 'support bubble' with one other household. People who are shielding will not be permitted to form a support bubble. Further information for shielded groups is expected next week. For definitive information following the Prime Minister's announcements, please see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Education

This week the government confirmed that plans for all England's primary pupils to return for a month before the summer break are no longer progressing. There had been an aim for all primary pupils to spend four weeks in school before the summer break. At Monday's Downing Street briefing, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, said that secondary schools in England may not fully reopen until September "at the earliest".

With schools not set to reopen until September, parents and carers may find resources such as [BBC Bitesize](#) and [StarLine](#) useful. BBC Bitesize provides daily lessons for home schooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more. StarLine is a national home learning helpline offering expert information and advice to parents and carers.

Testing in schools launched

A testing programme in schools has launched this week to assess and monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 in pre-school, primary and secondary school pupils and staff. In the initial phase, we understand that this will involve 40 schools in England (15 in London and 25).

NHS volunteers extend support to frontline health and social care staff

From Monday frontline health and care staff have been able to access support from the hundreds of thousands of NHS volunteer responders. [Click here](#) for more information.

PPE in primary care settings

On Friday 5 June, Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock announced that from 15 June 2020 all staff in hospitals should wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients should wear face coverings.

NHS Contact Tracing App

The government hopes to launch the NHS contact tracing app by the end of June.

Test and trace programme

At the time of writing numbers relating to the test and trace programme have not yet been published

Statistics

As of 9am BST on 10/06/2020, the Department of Health and Social Care confirmed that there have been 6,042,622 tests, of which 290,143 tested positive. 155,714 positive cases were identified as being in England.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Local response

The local NHS and its partners continue to respond to the Coronavirus situation through the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) for Derbyshire.

CCG Business Continuity Level

As mentioned in the introduction to this bulletin, NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG moved from Level 4 to Level 3 in their Business Continuity Escalation from 8.00am on Monday. It is important to note that the CCG is part of a national health and social care system that continues to operate in a Level 4 emergency, along with the regional and national command and control that is fully appropriate in such a situation. We continue to recognise the gravity of this pandemic and our focus on responding to the pandemic remains unchanged. The CCG is not de-escalating out of kilter with the rest of the country; we have moved from the peak of the incident management phase and now into longer-term planning. De-escalating to Level 3 simply allows us to accelerate this process with some additional internal infrastructure, including the reinstatement of our committees.

Antibody Testing Programme

The UK is now currently offering antibody tests to health staff, with the eventual aim of rolling them out to the wider population. Our system plan, which was agreed by the system testing cell and submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement last week, is aligned with the national approach. The system plan is

focused on staff testing as a priority and the testing programme began with hospital providers last week and is being rolled out to GPs and other community providers this week. More information is available [here](#).

Care homes

There has been excellent take up in care homes completing the national care home tracker, which provides a wide range of intelligence on activity. Also, from 7 June care homes catering for adults with learning disabilities or mental health issues, physical disabilities, acquired brain injuries and other categories for younger adults under 65 years have been able to access whole care home testing for all residents and asymptomatic staff (symptomatic staff can continue to access a swab test via the self-referral portal).

Statistics

As at 2pm on 10/6/2020 there were 603 confirmed cases in Derby and 1,745 confirmed cases in Derbyshire. A total of 633 deaths of Derby and Derbyshire patients have sadly been confirmed via the daily national announcements.

Breakdown of 1,745 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 246; NE Derbyshire: 323; High Peak: 228; Erewash: 196; Derbyshire Dales: 160; Chesterfield: 231; Bolsover: 158; Amber Valley: 203

Figures for the period 6 June – 9 June are subject to validation at the time of writing so this figure is subject to change.

Health services

Access to primary care services (GP, Pharmacy, Dentist and Opticians)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, primary care services are working in a different way to prevent the spread of the disease and protect patients and staff, while still providing essential services. Where patients are advised that a face-to-face appointment is necessary, services have taken measures to minimise risk to patients and staff. [This document](#), produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, provides helpful information about how primary care services are currently operating.

GP Surgeries

Following Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock's announcement on Friday that all staff in hospitals should wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients should wear face coverings from 15 June, Derbyshire GP practices are urging patients to provide, and wear their own face covering, as well as continuing to follow hand-washing and social distancing guidelines. Exemptions to government guidance apply to very young children, disabled patients and those with breathing difficulties.

Hospitals

Following Matt Hancock's announcement on PPE last Friday it will become mandatory for all hospital staff to wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients to wear face coverings from 15 June 2020. Visiting restrictions remain in place. Specific visiting information is available on the hospital's websites (see below).

The NHS is here to help

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire is doing to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them and for information about the range of wellbeing and other support that is available to you please [click here](#).

Service changes

To help you keep up-to-date with any service changes, Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information. The website is updated daily to provide information as quickly as possible.

If you would like to access the individual websites of our hospital and community NHS partners, these are listed below:

[University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#)

[DHU Health Care](#) (provider of the NHS 111 telephone helpline for the East Midlands as well as the out of hours GP services in Derbyshire and Leicestershire)

Partner information

Director of Nursing and Patient Care at Chesterfield Royal Hospital explains what you can expect if you find yourself at the hospital at this time

Lynn Andrews, Director of Nursing and Patient Care at Chesterfield Royal Hospital ([@royalhospital](#)), has recorded [this helpful video](#) of what to expect if you attend their hospital. Remember if you need urgent care call 999.

Joined up Careers

[Joined up Careers](#) brings together local partner organisations to support the current and future health and social care workforce. The partnership has created a radical, system-wide approach to recruitment and supply, introduction of new roles, upskilling of existing roles, retention of existing staff, and opportunities for efficiency and optimisation.

Diabetes Week (8- 14 June 2020)

This week is diabetes week and [Diabetes UK](#) is encouraging diabetics to help paint #TheBigPicture - the triumphs, the setbacks, the daily routines and unexpected turns. Throughout the week, the [NHS Diabetes Programme](#) has also been tweeting links to useful resources and extra support available in response to COVID-19.

The NHS is urging those with diabetes attend their routine appointments. Anyone who is concerned about their diabetes should not delay contacting their GP practice or diabetes team. Also, as mentioned in previous bulletins, people living with insulin-treated diabetes now have access to a [diabetes advice helpline](#) to support them during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carers Week (8-14 June)

This week is also Carers Weeks and health, social care and voluntary organisations across Derbyshire have come together to share the message that #CarersMatter. Throughout the week, [Derbyshire Carers Association](#) has been encouraging carers to try to take the time to look after their own health and wellbeing and ran a number of events to support this.

Derby Bus Station reopens

[Derby Bus Station has re-opened](#) as part of a phased approach as operators increase the number of services across the city and begin to return to normal timetables.

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

Health leaders highlight mental health support options

Derbyshire's health leaders are urging people to remember to take care of their mental wellbeing, as well as physical, during these unprecedented times. [Here](#), Dr Steve Lloyd, Medical Director of NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, reminds us that "it's ok not to be ok" as we continue to adapt to the changes coronavirus has caused our day-to-day lives and highlights some useful resources to help

Support for those in recovery from an addiction

According to the charity Action on Addiction some 39% of people in recovery from an addiction have reported 'either a recurrence in addictive behaviour or a relapse in their recovery' during lockdown. For details of useful addiction related helplines and websites [click here](#).

Coronavirus information in accessible formats

The Joined Up Care Derbyshire website has a number of resources relating to the needs of specific patient groups and in accessible formats such as easy read, sign language and Makaton. You can view the page [here](#).

Wellbeing, health advice and support for health, social care and community staff

Support in relation to the COVID-19 virus is available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

In other news

As at Tuesday 9 June no coal had been burned to produce electricity in the UK since 9 April. This is a new record for the UK and has been set after electricity demand dramatically decreased following the introduction of lockdown.

What you can do to help

Help us to save lives by reinforcing key messages in this bulletin with your key contacts. This should include the updated Government message to stay alert to stay safe. Please use your social media accounts to share only official messages from Government and NHS websites and accounts as there is a lot of misinformation about coronavirus being shared online.

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Contact

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: ddccq.enquiries@nhs.uk. We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within 72 hours.

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